Welcome to Morning Prayer!

Morning and Evening Prayer are made up of a few distinct parts: The Gathering (The Confession, “Lord, open our lips”), the Psalter (where we say the psalm or psalms of the day), the lessons and responses (we hear readings from the Bible and respond with canticles, which are holy poetry of the Church), The Apostles’ Creed (our statement of faith and similar to the Nicene Creed), and the Prayers.

A few helpful hints as you pray at home and/or join us:

- Using a sacred space or home altar can add a positive and spiritually centered connection to the service. For more information on creating altars and sacred spaces, please visit our “Worship at Home” webpage and scroll to the resources at the bottom.
- As you begin, light a candle, gather with those in your household (pets included) and take a few minutes of silence.
- We will be uploading this service to our “Worship at Home” page at 10:30 am on Sunday, April 26th. It will also be available on our YouTube channel and Facebook Page.
OPENING HYMN
"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

1982 Hymnal #664

1 My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah
   is his Name; in pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.

2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence porting breath drives all my fears away.
   is my stay; one word of thy supply mine abode and all my work be praise.

3 The sure provisions of my God attend me
   all my days; oh, may thy house be
   He brings my wandering spirit back when I for—
   Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
   There would I find a settled rest, while others

sake his ways, and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

table spread; my cup with blessings overflows, thy oil anoints my

go and come: no more a stranger head.
or a guest, but like a child at home.
OPENING SENTENCE
Alleluia! Christ is risen
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.
(Hebrews 9:24)

CONFESSION OF SIN
Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All:  Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant:  Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER
Officiant: Lord, open our lips.
People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.
ANTIPHON

Alleluia. The Lord is glorious in his saints: Come let us adore him.

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover

Pascha nostrum

(1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22)

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
then let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
THE PSALM: 

"Shepherd Me O God" - Psalm 23

Gather #31

Refrain:

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Verses:

1. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
   I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
   I walk by the quiet waters of peace.

2. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
   You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
   My spirit shall sing the music of your name.

3. Though I should wander the valley of death,
   I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff,
   My comfort and my hope

4. You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
   Crowning me with love beyond my pow’r to hold.

5. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
   I will dwell in the house of my God for evermore.

Officiant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they
broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

CANTICLE 17 The Song of Simeon – Nunc dimittis BCP 93

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free *

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON 1 PETER 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God’s approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lector: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

CANTICLE 19 The Song of the Redeemed – Magna et mirabilia BCP 94

Revelation 15:3-4

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done,*
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, * 
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, 
and sing the praises of your Name? * 
for you only are the Holy One. 
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, * 
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * 
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL          John 10:1-10

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the 
gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by 
the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, 
and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them 
out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep 
follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they 
will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used 
this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying 
to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All 
who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to 
them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and 
go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came 
that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON                        The Rev. Chris Brannock
verses

1. I will come to you in the silence,
2. I am hope for all who are hopeless,
3. I am strength for all the despairing,
4. I am the Word that leads all to freedom,

I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. In the healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
I am the peace the world cannot give.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be shadows of the night, I will be your light,
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and I will call your name, embracing all your pain, stand still and know I am here. (To verse 2)
come and rest in me. (To refrain)
all will know my name. (To refrain)
up, now walk, and live! (To refrain)

refrain

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.
THE APOSTLES’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.
V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

COLLECT OF THE DAY  
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.
O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Sundays  
O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life  
O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Mission  
Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.
Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Lord, in your mercy
   **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Lord, in your mercy
   **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Lord, in your mercy
   **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.
Lord, in your mercy
   **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Lord, in your mercy
   **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy
   **Hear our prayer.**

THE SUPPLICATION

For use during times of national anxiety.

O Lord, arise, help us;
   **And deliver us for your Name’s sake.**

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our ancestors have declared unto us, the noble works that you did in their days, and in the old time before them.
   **O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name’s sake.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
   **O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name’s sake.**
From our enemies defend us, O Christ;  
Graciously behold our afflictions.

With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;  
Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.

Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;  
O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;  
Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

Officiant:
Let us pray.
We humbly beseech you, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon our infirmities;  
and, for the glory of your Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have  
deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and  
confidence in your mercy, and evermore serve you in holiness and pureness of  
living, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.
A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Officiant concludes with the following:

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“City of God” Gather #678

Verses 1 & 2:

1. A-wake from your slumber! A-rise from your sleep!
2. We are sons of the morning; we are daugh-ters of day.

A new day is dawm- ing
The One who has loved us for all those who weep.

The peo- ple in The Lord of all
dark- ness have seen a great light.
kind- ness has called us to be a light for his

The Lord of our long- ing has con- quered the night.
people to set their hearts free.
Refrain:

Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing! For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!

Verses 3 & 4:

3. God is light; in him there is no darkness. Let us walk in his light, his children, one and all.

O comfort my people; make gentle your words. Proclaim to my city the day of her birth.

4. O city of gladness, now lift up your voice. Proclaim the good tidings that all may rejoice!